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May 31, 2018

The Honorable William T. Martin
Mayor of the City of Havre de Grace
711 Pennington Ave.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

RE: Redesignation request for City of Havre de Grace Arts & Entertainment District

Dear Mayor Martin:

On behalf of Governor Larry Hogan, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Havre de Grace Arts & Entertainment (A&E) District has been approved for redesignation as a Maryland A&E District. In addition, the City's request for expansion of the district is approved. This redesignation and expansion become effective July 1, 2018 and will remain in effect for a period of ten years.

With this redesignation, the City of Havre de Grace may continue to offer tax incentives to property owners and artists within the District's boundaries as well as the abatement of the Admissions and Amusement tax for the entire designation period of ten years. The management team of the district will be required to submit annual reports by the specified deadlines to the Maryland State Arts Council for the entire designation period.

If you have questions, please contact Steven Skeritt-Davis, Program Director, Maryland State Arts Council, at 410-767-6494 or steven.skeritt-davis@maryland.gov.

I realize that redesignation is the culmination of the many years of work as well as the dedicated effort of the district management and many devoted community members. Please accept my continued wishes for success in fostering economic development through arts in the City of Havre de Grace.

Sincerely,

Mike Gill
Secretary, Department of Commerce

cc: The Honorable Larry Hogan
Ms. Liz Fitzsimmons, Managing Director, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts
Mr. Ken Skrzesz, Executive Director, Maryland State Arts Council
Mr. Steven Skeritt-Davis, Program Director, Maryland State Arts Council
Ms. Rebecca Jessop, Executive Director, Havre de Grace Arts Collective

